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2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

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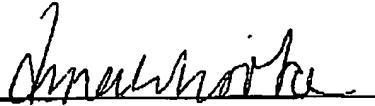
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REMARKS

The rejection of claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent No. 4,933,921 to Saunders considered with U.S. patent No. 2,678,779 to Bellmer is traversed.

As summarized in the Abstract, Saunders relates to:

A portable wireless sound reproduction system includes a first portable housing having a sound signal receiving circuit and controls for processing the sound signal into two signals for transmission by two separate sound signal transmitters located in the same housing. A pair of speakers is detachably connected to the first housing and include receivers for receiving the wireless transmission of signals from the transmitters. The two speakers are adapted to be disposed in side-by-side relation with the first housing completely overlying and detachably connected to each of the speakers. [Emphasis added]

The word "wireless" is used, approximately, 12 times in the specification and claims. Further, in describing the prior art in col. 1, particularly, II. 27-42, Saunders states:

Also to date such assemblies have included two separable speakers connected by extension leads to a central receiver/player. Such arrangements are cumbersome and expensive to produce. In addition, the placement of the cables may be hazardous. In portable installations the provision of